



GEORGIA INDEPENDENT  
COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

# Georgia Independent College Association

## 2011 Accountability Report

### GICA

#### Member Institutions

Agnes Scott College

Andrew College

Berry College

Brenau University

Brewton-Parker College

Clark Atlanta University

Covenant College

Emmanuel College

Georgia Military College

LaGrange College

Mercer University

Morehouse College

Oglethorpe University

Paine College

Piedmont College

Point University

Reinhardt University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Shorter University

Spelman College

Thomas University

Toccoa Falls College

Truett-McConnell College

Wesleyan College

Young Harris College

### Enrollment

- ◆ GICA institutions enrolled 70,673 students in Georgia in 2010-2011.
- ◆ From 2003 to 2011, enrollment in GICA member institutions increased from 57,443 students to 70,673 students, representing a 23% growth.
- ◆ The student body at GICA member institutions is diverse: 59% report being non-white, 63% are female, 22% are adult learners, and approximately 15% of undergraduates attend part-time.

### Affordability

- ◆ In 2010-2011, more than 12,000 students received the HOPE Scholarship award, and more than 24,000 received the State's Tuition Equalization Grant. Nearly \$42 million in HOPE scholarship funds were awarded and more than \$16 million in TEG funds were distributed.
- ◆ The average tuition and fees at GICA member institutions was \$20,543, which is less than the regional average (\$24,713) and national average (\$28,500).
- ◆ Nearly all students attending GICA member institutions receive some form of financial aid. The total aid awarded to first-time, full-time freshmen in 2009-2010 was \$146,122,174.
- ◆ GICA institutions awarded more than \$70,986,701 in institutional grant aid to first-time, full-time freshmen in 2009-2010. The average amount of institutional grant aid awarded to students at 4-Year institutions ranged from \$4,603 to \$19,027.
- ◆ Nearly half of all undergraduates are recipients of the Pell grant with the typical award amount ranging from \$2,257 to \$5,703 per student.
- ◆ More than 81% of expenses at GICA institutions go to instruction, academic support, student services, and institutional support, with the largest portion going directly toward instruction.

### Completions

- ◆ 13,526 degrees and certificates were awarded by GICA member institutions in 2010-2011.
- ◆ Georgia's independent colleges and universities had higher graduation rates for their students compared to other sectors. 41% percent of students at GICA institutions graduated within 4 years compared to 22% of students at Georgia public colleges, and 17% of students at Georgia's for-profit colleges.
- ◆ GICA member institutions awarded 1,743 Associate's degrees, 7,919 Bachelor's Degrees, 11 Post-Baccalaureate Certificates, 2,890 Master's Degrees, 552 Post-Master's Certificates, and 411 Doctoral Degrees.